

## **RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006. Applicant elects to prosecute the claims which the Examiner has identified as Group I (claims 1-11 and 19).

Applicant makes this election with traverse.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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